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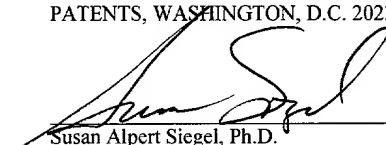
For: VIRAL PREPARATIONS, VECTORS,  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

**In the specification:**

On page 1, line 3, after the title of the application, please insert the following paragraph:

**--PRIORITY CLAIM**

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/033,549, filed March 2, 1998, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/604,165, filed February 21, 1996, which claims priority to Great Britain Application Nos. 9603322.0, filed February 16, 1996, 9515557.8, filed July 28, 1995, and 9503395.7, filed February 21, 1995.--

**In the claims:**

Please amend claim 6 as follows:

6. (Amended) A mutant virus according to claim 3 wherein the defect is in a herpesviral glycoprotein gene.

**REMARKS**

The specification has been amended to introduce a priority claim. Claim 6 has been amended to remove a multiple dependency and reduce the filing fee. No new matter is added. Examination of the subject application is respectfully requested.


**CONCLUSION**

If any issues remain before examination of the application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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**Marked-up Version of Amended Claims  
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.121(b)-(c)**

Please amend claim 6 as follows:

6. (Amended) A mutant virus according to claim 3 [or 4] wherein the defect is in a herpesviral glycoprotein gene.

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